

Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project 39th & "D" Street Area

Open House Public Meeting - August 29, 2006 - Randolph Elementary School

Overview

The City of Lincoln Public Works and Utilities Department is considering preliminary plans for a stormwater drainage improvement project at several locations on 38th, 39th, "E" and "D" streets and a portion of 40th Street south of "E" Street. (See project map.) The City of Lincoln and its design consultant, The Schemmer Associates, have developed this fact sheet to inform you about the project and answer some of your questions.

Construction for this project is not scheduled at this time. The project is dependent upon the availability of future funding.

What is the need for this project?

Stormwater gathers in this area because the aging system of pipes and inlets is deficient. A study done in 2004 found that there is a risk for roadway flooding throughout the area during a minor storm event. During a more severe storm, there is increased risk for damage to homes and other structures at some locations. In a recent survey of neighborhood residents, a significant number of respondents reported problems during heavy rainfalls, including excess water in yards, severe street flooding and sewer backups.

What are the benefits of this project?

If this project is constructed, the likelihood of stormwater backing up into yards and damaging homes will be reduced. The project also will help to reduce the duration and depth of flooding, lower the potential for property damage and decrease the frequency of roadway flooding.

What kind of construction is necessary?

The project will consist mainly of installing new underground drainage pipes and constructing larger inlets to collect water flowing from the streets. Most of the construction will occur along the project area's streets, within the City's right of way. The City also plans to install a new water main along the "D" Street leg of construction, so that both of these improvements can be

accomplished simultaneously, which will save costs and minimize inconvenience for local residents.

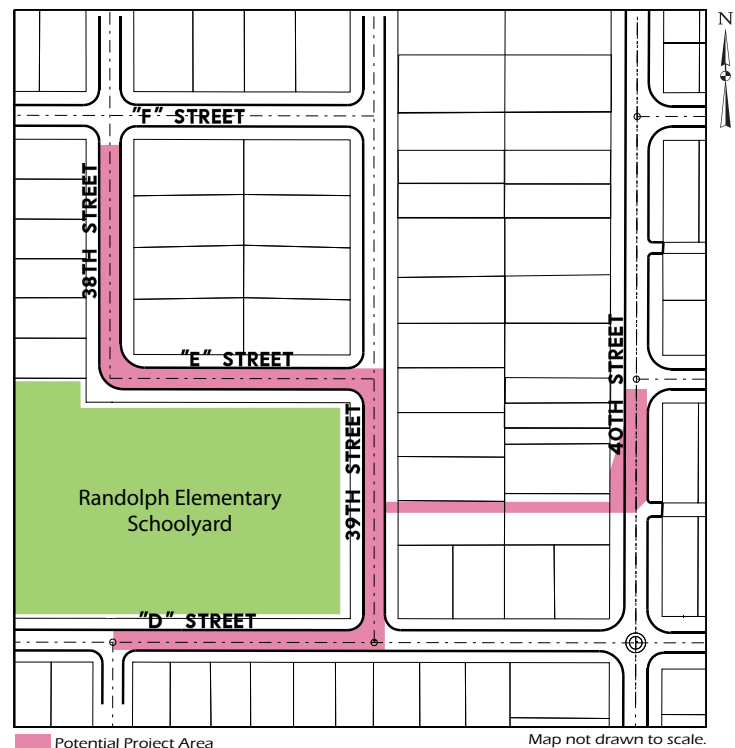
Plans also indicate that a new underground drainage pipe is required between 39th and 40th streets, which will impact at least one private property at 1033 S. 40th Street.

At this time, it is not known whether the City will repave the streets entirely, or merely patch over channels where the new pipes are laid.

When will construction begin and how long will it last?

If funding is available, construction will likely begin on "D" Street in early summer 2007 so that this street can be opened before school starts in late August. The duration will depend on weather conditions, however each phase of construction is expected to be completed within 21 calendar days. The entire project should be completed in about three months.

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Will there be an interruption in water, sewer, electrical or other services?

Any interruptions will be minimal and affected residents will be notified ahead of time.

Will streets be closed during construction?

Yes, street closure will occur as construction proceeds through different phases in the area. The contractor will be required to complete the work within each project phase and then open that portion to traffic prior to moving on to the next phase of construction. Construction on "D" Street and 40th Street will be scheduled at different times to allow traffic to flow in and around the neighborhood on these through streets.

Will residents have access to their driveways?

Residents may not be able to use their driveways while construction is taking place near their homes. The City and its contractor will open streets and allow access to individual driveways as soon as possible throughout the construction process.

Will trees be removed?

The City makes every effort to avoid the removal of trees in neighborhoods. Preliminary plans indicate that only one tree will need to be removed on the south side of 38th and "E" streets, near the schoolyard.

How will construction affect parents dropping off and picking up school children?

Parents typically use "D" Street for this purpose. If the project can begin early in the summer, construction on "D" Street should be completed by the time school starts. The City will work with school administrators to keep parents informed on the safest and most convenient routes to school if construction cannot be completed during summer months. The west entrance to Randolph Elementary School on 37th Street will not be impacted by construction.

Will school staff be able to park in the school parking lot?

Yes, the parking lot is located west of the project area, and the driveway to this lot will remain open for school-related parking only.

How will this affect summer activities in the schoolyard?

Construction will not impact the schoolyard, however, the City is maintaining contact with groups such as the YMCA, Bright Lights Summer Learning Adventure and the Parks and Recreation Department to inform them about this project. These groups may wish to limit activities in the Randolph Elementary schoolyard during the summer of 2007 because streets surrounding it will be closed for periods of time.

Will bus service continue along "D" Street?

A minor detour will be required temporarily while construction occurs along "D" Street. StarTran will provide information on any route changes on its Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: StarTran), through fliers and other information sources.

How will people who are elderly or disabled get to their homes during construction?

The City will make certain that sidewalks to homes remain open during construction. Special provisions may be required for certain individuals. If you have special needs, or know of someone who may need special consideration, please contact the City's project managers, Craig Aldridge or Kris Humphrey, at 402-441-7711.

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This information is also available at
lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).

